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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS BREZHNEV

1. EMBASSY CALLS ATTENTION TO 2-PAGE ARTICLE ON BREZHNEV'S WARTIME EXPLOITS IN JANUARY 17 ISSUE OF LITERARY WEEKLY LITERATURNAYA ROSSIYA. AUTHOR IS LITTLE-KNOWN GALINA BAKSHEYEVA. ILLUSTRATED ARTICLE IS A PANEGYRIC TO BREZHNEV'S PERSONAL QUALITIES AND FRONT-LINE CAREER AS CHIEF OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF 18TH ARMY.

2. COMMENT: THIS FAWNING ARTICLE IS NOT PINNED TO ANY FORMAL OCCASION SUCH AS BIRTHDAY, BUT SEEMS PART OF DEFENSIVE PUBLICITY NOW FEATURED IN SOVIET PRESS. DURING BREZHNEV'S CONTINUED ABSENCE FROM PUBLIC LIFE AND AGAINST BACKGROUND OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC SPECULATION ABOUT BREZHNEV'S ILLNESS, SOVIET PRESS IS KEEPING BREZHNEV'S NAME BEFORE THE PUBLIC. TIME-TESTED APPROACHES ARE USED SUCH AS LETTERS TO AND FROM BREZHNEV ON PRAVDA FRONT PAGE, NUMEROUS REFERENCES IN EDITORIALS AND IN SPEECHES, AND REFERENCES IN RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAMS.
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